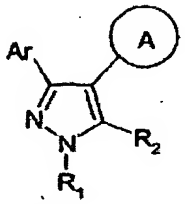
The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A compound of formula (IA) or (IB) or a salt, N-oxide, hydrate or solvate thereof :



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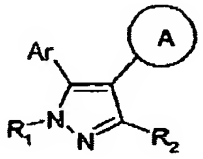

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wherein

Ar is an aryl, aryl(C_1-C_6 alkyl), heteroaryl, or heteroaryl(C_1-C_6 alkyl) group, any of which being optionally substituted in the aryl or heteroaryl part thereof,

R_1 is hydrogen or optionally substituted C_1-C_6 alkyl;

R_2 is hydrogen, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkenyl, or C_1-C_6 alkynyl; or a carboxyl, carboxamide or carboxyl ester group; and;

ring A is a non aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring wherein (i) a ring carbon is optionally substituted, and/or (ii) a ring nitrogen is optionally substituted by a group of formula $-(Alk^1)_p-(Cyc)_n-(Alk^3)_m-(Z)_r-(Alk^2)_s-Q$ where

Alk^1, Alk^2 and Alk^3 are optionally substituted C_1-C_3 alkyl,
Cyc is an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic radical;
m, n, p, r and s are independently 0 or 1,
Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, $-SO_2-$, -C(=O)O-, -OC(=O)-, $-NR^A-$, $-C(=O)NR^A-$, $-NR^AC(=O)-$, $-SO_2NR^A-$, or $-NR^ASO_2-$ wherein R^A is hydrogen or C_1-C_6 alkyl, and
Q is hydrogen or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic radical.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Ar is an optionally substitiuted aryl,

or heteroaryl radical; and ring A is a non aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring wherein (i) a ring carbon is optionally substituted, and/or (ii) a ring nitrogen is optionally substituted by a group of formula $-(Alk^1)_p-(Z)_r-(Alk^2)_s-Q$ where

Alk^1 and Alk^2 are optionally substituted C_1-C_3 alkyl,
p, r and s are independently 0 or 1,
Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, $-SO_2-$, -C(=O)O-, -OC(=O)-, $-NR^A-$, $-C(=O)NR^A-$, $-NR^AC(=O)-$, $-SO_2NR^A-$, or $-NR^ASO_2-$ wherein R^A is hydrogen or C_1-C_6 alkyl, and
Q is hydrogen or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic radical.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein Ar is a 2-hydroxyphenyl group which is optionally further substituted.

4. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 3 wherein Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl group which is optionally further substituted in the 5-position.

5. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 4 wherein Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl group which is further substituted in the 5-position by chloro or bromo.

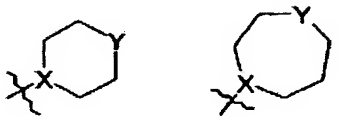
6. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 4 wherein Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl group further substituted in the 5-position by optionally substituted phenyl or C_1-C_6 alkyl.

7. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl group which is further substituted in the 5-position by phenylethyl group which is optionally substitiuted in the phenyl ring thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-or iso-propyl, hydroxyethyl, or benzyl.

9. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein R_1 and R_2 are each hydrogen.

10. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein ring A is a ring of formula (IIA) or (IIB) :



(IIA) (IIB)

wherein X represents CH or N, and Y represents CH, O, S or NH, wherein (i) a ring carbon is optionally substituted, and/or (ii) a ring nitrogen is optionally substituted by a group of formula $-(Alk^1)_p-(Cyc)_n-(Alk^3)_m-(Z)_r--(Alk^2)_s-Q$ where

Alk^1, Alk^2 and Alk^3 are optionally substituted C_1-C_3 alkyl,

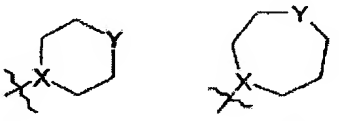
Cyc is an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic radical ;

m, n, p, r and s are independently 0 or 1,

Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, $-SO_2-$, -C(=O)O-, $-C(=O)NR^A-$, $-SO_2NR^A-$, $-NR^AC(=O)-$, $-NR^ASO_2$, or NR^A wherein R^A is hydrogen or C_1-C_6 alkyl, and

Q is hydrogen or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic radical.

11. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein ring A is a ring of formula(IIA) or (IIB) :



(IIA) (IIB)

wherein X represents CH or N, and Y represents CH, O, S or NH, wherein (i) a ring carbon is optionally substituted, and/or (ii) a ring nitrogen is optionally substituted by a group of formula $-(Alk^1)_p-(Z)_r--(Alk^2)_s-Q$ where

Alk^1 and Alk^2 are optionally substituted C_1-C_3 alkyl,

p, r and s are independently 0 or 1,

Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, $-SO_2-$, -C(=O)O-, $-C(=O)NR^A-$, $-SO_2NR^A-$, $-NR^AC(=O)-$, $-NR^ASO_2$, or NR^A wherein R^A is hydrogen or C_1-C_6 alkyl, and

Q is hydrogen or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic radical.

12. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~ wherein the optionally ~~substitiuted~~ substituted ring A is of formula(IIA) wherein X is N and Y is NH or CH.

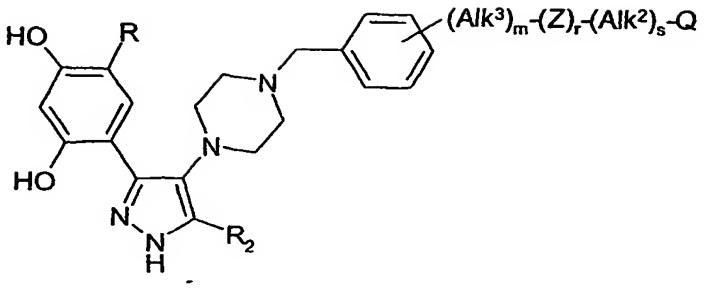
13. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein the optionally ~~substitiuted~~ substituted ring A is of formula (IIA), X is N, and Y is - NR^A - wherein R^A is a radical of formula $-(Alk^1)_s-Q$, wherein Alk^1 is a C_1-C_3 alkylene radical and Q is optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thienyl, oxadiazolyl, imidazolyl or morpholinyl.

14. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 13 wherein R^A is an optionally substituted benzyl group.

15. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein the optionally substitiuted ring A is of formula (IIA), X is N, and Y is-NR^A-wherein R^A is a radical of formula $-(Alk^1)_p-(Cyc)_n-(Alk^3)_m-(Z)_r-(Alk^2)_s-Q$.

16. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 15 wherein p is 1 and m are each 1, and Cyc is a phenylene radical.

17. (Original) A compound of formula (IC) or (ID) or a salt, N-oxide, hydrate or solvate thereof:



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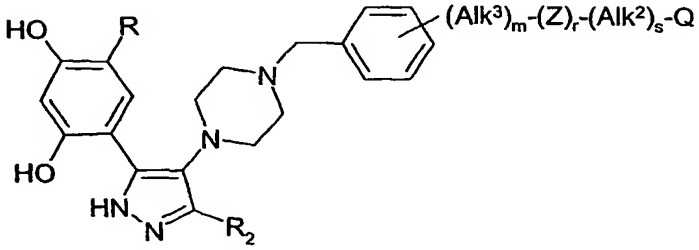

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wherein R is hydrogen, an optional substituent, or a phenylethyl group which is optionally substituted in the phenyl ring, and R_2, m, r, s, Alk^3, Z and AIk^2 are as defined in claim 1.

18. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 17 wherein R_2, is hydrogen.

19. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 17 ~~or claim 18~~ wherein R is chloro, bromo, or a phenylethyl group which is optionally substituted in the phenyl ring.

20. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 17 to 19~~ claim 17 wherein is 0, r is 1, and Z is -C(=O)NH-.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) A method of treatment of diseases or conditions responsive to inhibition of

HSP90 activity in mammals, in particular in humans, which method comprises administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1.

23. (Currently Amended) A human or veterinary medicine comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1~~any of claims 1 to 21, for use in human or veterinary medicine~~.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 21, for use in~~ The medicine of claim 23 for the treatment of diseases or conditions responsive to inhibition of HSP90 activity.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 22~~, a compound for use as claimed in claim 23 or claim 24, or the use as claimed in claim 25~~ wherein the disease or condition is cancer.

27. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 22~~, a compound for use as claimed in claim 23 or claim 24, or the use as claimed in claim 25~~ wherein the disease or condition is a viral disease, transplant rejection, inflammatory disease, asthma, multiple sclerosis, Type I diabetes, lupus, psoriasis, inflammatory bowel disease, cystic fibrosis, angiogenesis-related disease, diabetic retinopathy, haemangioma, or endometriosis.